Scheme and how much of it is in Cotton Corporation of India in 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(b) how much free period is allowed to domestic buyers while selling cotton under Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Scheme and how much is allowed by Cotton Corporation of India 1992-93 and 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Total processing cost per candy/per quintal for converting into full pressed bales in respect of Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Scheme and Cotton Corporation of India is as under:—

Year		Per Candy	Per
1992-93	Cotton Corporation of India.	Rs. 1332	Rs. 374
	Maharashtra Monopoly Scheme.	Rs. 2068	Rs. 580

Since the cotton season 1993-94 is yet to start, it is not possible to indicate the processing costs at this state.

(b) Free period allowed to domestic buyers while selling cotton during the cotton season 1992-93 in respect of Cotton Corporation of India and Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Scheme is as under:—

Cotton Cropn. of India—a free period of 15 days to 30 days depending upon the quantity of cotton sold to domestic buyers.

Maharashtra Monopoly Scheme :

No. of Bales.	No. of Days.
1 to 599	21 days
600 to 1499	30 days
1500 to 1999	45 days
2000 to 2999	2 months equally
3000 and above	3 months equally.

Suitable adgustments are made in the policy depending on the market conditions.

Problems of handloom and powerloom weavers in Maharashtra and Gujarat

2731. SMT. CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that handloom and powerloom weavers in Gujarat and Maharashtra states are facing marketing problems due to recent disturbances in both the States; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to help these two sectors in solving their problems?

THE MINSTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The State Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra have not brought to the notice of the Union Government marketing problems faced by the handloom and powerloom weavers due to recent disturbances in both the States. However, the ongoing schemes of the Government namely, grant of Market Development Assistance, organisation of National Handloom Expos and setting up of Marketing Complexes by National Handloom Development Corporation are aimed to assist the handloom sector of the State in marketing of their products. In regard to the Powerloom sector, a number of schemes are being implemented such as modernisation scheme, formation of powerloom cooperative societies, Workers Insurance Scheme etc., with a view to assist this sector.

Polices offers by CCI and Maharashtra Monopoly Scheme

2732. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES